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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05788.0189-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Giacomo Stefano Roba et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2831  
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Application No.: 09/986,622 ) Examiner: James H. Derrington  
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Filed: March 5, 2003 )  
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For: METHOD AND INDUCTION ) Confirmation No.: 5933  
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FURNACE FOR DRAWING )  
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LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS )  
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TO OPTICAL FIBRES )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

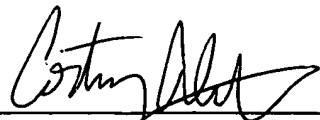
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants' petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office action of December 2, 2004. A fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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